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REMARKS1. Status of the Claims

Claims 5-59 were pending in the present application as of the mailing of the present Office Action on February 6, 2006. Claims 5-11, 16-27, 31-33, and 35-59 are canceled herein without prejudice or disclaimer as Applicant reserves the right to pursue any canceled subject matter in a later filed application. Accordingly, claims 12-15, 28-30, and 34 are currently pending. Reconsideration and reexamination of the present application is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

2. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claim 34 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, allegedly as being indefinite. Applicant respectfully submits that the present rejection is moot in view of the amendments to claim 34 above and requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

3. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102Bode et al.

The Examiner rejected claims 12, 28-30 and 34 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) allegedly as being anticipated by Bode et al. (1996) Molecular Psychiatry 1:200-212. In view of the amendments to claims 12 and 34 it is believed that the present rejection of claims 12, 28-30, and 34 is moot and Applicant respectfully requests that the present rejection be withdrawn.

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The Examiner rejected claims 12, 28-30 and 34 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) allegedly as being anticipated by WO 96/21021. In view of the amendments to claims 12 and 34 it is believed that the present rejection of claims 12, 28-30, and 34 is moot and Applicant respectfully requests that the present rejection be withdrawn.

Cubitt et al.

The Examiner rejected claim 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) allegedly as being anticipated by Cubitt et al. (1994) Journal of Virology 68(3):1382-1396. In view of the amendments to claim 12 it is believed that the present rejection is moot and Applicant respectfully requests that the present rejection be withdrawn.

4. Claim Objections

Claims 13-15 are objected to for depending from rejected claim 12. In view of the amendments to claim 12, Applicant believes that claim 12 is allowable and requests that the present objection to claims 13-15 be withdrawn.

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CONCLUSION

No new matter is added by way of the present Response and Amendment. If there are any additional fees (or overpayments) associated with this Response, or any Response associated with this application, the Director is hereby authorized to charge (or credit) our Deposit Account No. 19-0962.

Respectfully submitted,

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